of utmost significance from administrative, historical and cultural points of view. The Research Scholars, and University Professors both from India and abroad come to consult records bearing on their respective subjects of research, and the Archivists and Senior Officers feed them with relevant materials, and render necessary guidance as well. Thus the nature of the work assigned to the Archivists is not only highly technical, but scholarly, and Administrative as well which require hard labour, higher education, and high proficiency. This necessitates decent pay scales in order to attract men of high calibre to this crucial profession. It is worth mentioning in this context that the pay-scales of Lecturers, Readers, and Professors in the Universities have been recently revised by the University Grants Commission which are on much higher level. Keeping this problem in view, the Government of India may be requested to consider the matter.

Standing Committee's views: This resolution relates to matters of administration and as such should be the concern of the respective State/Central Government.

H. Preservation of records of the erstwhile Princely States.

8. Resolution by Shri J.K. Jain

"Resolved that the records of historical importance which have been retained by the former rulers, thikanedars, jagirdars and officials be preserved (in situ) by the concerned State Archives".

Explanatory Note: As the Members of the Commission are aware of the fact that soon after Independence and the amalgamation of various former States in the Union of India quite a siz able bulk of records was retained by the former rulers, jagirdars and officials on the plea that these records were of their personal use and related to their property, etc. Since then it has been found out that in most of the cases these people have lost interest in these records and have been lying with them uncared. At the same time due to sentimental reasons they are not willing to part with these also. Under the circumstances the best course would be that all such collections which are open for the survey scheme or owners are willing to get their collections preserved, be preserved in their respective premises by the concerned State Archives. No doubt it may amount to an additional work for the concerned State Archives and some financial burden too in term of insecticides, etc., but this will definitely win the hearts of all such owners who in turn may be more co-operative and helpful in making their collections available for survey and research. Otherwise, in view of the existing financial position and interest of most of the owners the future of such collections is rather uncertain.

Standing Committee's views: These problems have been discussed time and again at the previous sessions of the Commission. The enactment of an Archival Law in respect of records of National Importance which is under the consideration of the Government, will take care of such problems.